

Review #11 : *To Have and To Have Not* (1947)

TRAILER

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WHEN HARRY MET SLIM...

This film marks the beginning of the romance between Mr. Bogart and Ms. Bacall. Their love is here in front of the viewers to see. This movie shows us a Bogey with a heart. He was an actor that excelled in this type of picture and under the direction of **Howard Hawks**, his Captain Morgan makes a remarkable impression.



The story has all the right ingredients to keep us interested in what is going on with all these characters in Martinique. **World War II** makes a detour and comes to the island. The cast for this movie is also first rate. Humphrey Bogart is a tough Capt. Morgan who falls head over heels for young and lovely ‘Slim’

Browning, a mysterious young woman who loves adventure. Ms. Bacall has a way to sing a song that makes it unique because of her sense of style. Both these stars smoulder the screen in their love scenes. Walter Brennan plays Eddie, the drunken sailor that helps Morgan take tourists on fishing junkets. Marcel Dalio, the French owner of the local hotel, is the one responsible for putting Morgan in touch with the partisans operating in the island. Dolores Moran and Walter Szurovy are the De Bursacs, smuggled into the island by Morgan at his own risk while sought after by the local branch of the Gestapo.

The great musician Hoagy Carmichael also puts an appearance as a pianist that entertains at the hotel lounge. The three musical numbers are done flawlessly. Mr. Carmichael's rendition of '*Hong Kong Blues*' stays in one's mind forever. Also we hear two other of his songs '*Am I blue?*' and a sultry rendition by Lauren Bacall of his hit '*How little we know*'. This is a film to see to enjoy **great acting** under the **magnificent direction** of Howard Hawks.